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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re : Chapter 11 Case No.

LEHMAN BROTHERS HOLDINGS INC., et al., 08-13555 (JMP)

Debtors. (Jointly Administered)

SUMMARY SHEET PURSUANT TO UNITED STATES TRUSTEE GUIDELINES FOR REVIEWING APPLICATIONS FOR COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES FILED UNDER 11 U.S.C. §§ 330 AND 331

SECOND INTERIM FEE APPLICATION

Name of Applicant: SNR Denton US LLP

Time Period: October 1, 2010 through and including January 31, 2011

Role in the Case: Attorneys for the Debtors and Debtors in Possession

Current Application: Total Fees Requested: \$313,304.00

Total Expenses Requested: \$1,387.27

Prior Applications:

First Interim Fee Application, filed December 14, 2010 [Docket No. 13488], for the period from February 1, 2010 through and including September 30, 2010.

Total Fees & Expenses Requested: \$678,087.61

SUMMARY SHEET FOR THE SECOND INTERIM FEE APPLICATION OF SNR DENTON US LLP

NAME OF PROFESSIONAL PARTNERS AND OF COUNSELS:	YEAR ADMITTED	HOURLY RATE	HOURS BILLED	TOTAL COMPENSATION
Annual Series (Series		\$675.00 - 2010	1.50	\$1,012.50
Roger T. Brice	1973	\$695.00 - 2011	0.00	\$0.00
		\$665.00 - 2010	12.40	\$8,246.00
Meghan Cocci	1998	\$685.00 - 2011	5.3	\$3,630.50
		\$760.00 - 2010	1.70	\$1,292.00
Jonathan D. Forstot	1989	\$785.00 - 2011	0.00	\$0.00
		\$560.00 - 2010	16.20	\$9,072.00
Robert L. Fernandez	1999	\$590.00 - 2011	27.60	\$16,284.00
		\$745.00 - 2010	0.30	\$223.50
Alan S. Gilbert	1975	\$765.00 - 2011	0.00	\$0.00
		\$900.00 - 2010	0.90	\$810.00
Erik D. Klingenberg	1994	\$925.00 - 2011	0.00	\$0.00
		\$805.00 - 2010	2.00	\$1,610.00
Hugh M. McDonald	1990	\$845.00 - 2011	0.90	\$760.50
		\$650.00 - 2010	0.00	\$0.00
Todd M. Stennes	1992	\$650.00 - 2010	1.60	\$1,040.00
		\$660.00 - 2010	4.80	\$3,168.00
Frank P. VanderPloeg	1973	\$680.00 - 2011	0.00	\$0.00
3		\$685.00 - 2010	104.80	\$71,788.00
Linda D. White	1976	\$705.00 - 2011	74.60	\$52,593.00
		\$815.00 - 2010	42.80	\$34,882.00
Mitchell G. Williams	1985	\$840.00 - 2011	14.00	\$11,760.00
		\$600.00 - 2010	56.40	\$33,840.00
Marjorie J. Zessar	1994	\$600.00 - 2011	0.70	\$420.00
TOTAL			368.50	\$252,432.00

NAME OF PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATES:	YEAR ADMITTED	HOURLY RATE	HOURS BILLED	TOTAL COMPENSATION
		\$400.00 - 2010	70.80	\$28,320.00
Linda Bechutsky	2009	\$455.00 - 2011	9.70	\$4,413.50
Michael D. Flynn	2009	\$300.00 - 2010	3.70	\$1,110.00
		\$310.00 - 2011	0.00	\$0.00
Rachel L. Goetz	2003	\$535.00 - 2010	9.20	\$4,922.00
		\$550.00 - 2011	0.00	\$0.00
Jonathan S. Grebinar	2004	\$470.00 - 2010	11.80	\$5,546.00
		\$550.00 - 2011	0.00	\$0.00
Christopher H. Lee	2007	\$325.00 - 2010	1.30	\$422.50
		\$340.00 - 2011	1.90	\$646.00
Keith H. Londo	2004	\$515.00 - 2010	0.00	\$0.00
		\$525.00 - 2011	12.60	\$6,615.00
Brian J. Shortt	2007	\$505.00 - 2010	13.90	\$7,019.50
		\$515.00 - 2011	0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL			134.90	\$59,014.50

NAME OF PROFESSIONAL PARALEGALS, CLERKS, LIBRARY STAFF AND OTHER NON-LEGAL STAFF	HOURLY RATE	HOURS BILLED	TOTAL COMPENSATION
	\$230.00 - 2010	5.50	\$1,265.00
Rita P. Barkachy	\$235.00 - 2011	1.00	\$235.00
	\$275.00 - 2010	1.30	\$357.50
George L. Medina	\$285.00 - 2011	0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL		7.80	\$1,857.50

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PROFESSIONALS TOTALS:	BLENDED RATE	TOTAL HOURS BILLED	TOTAL COMPENSATION
Partners and Of Counsel		368.50	\$252,432.00
Associates		134.90	\$59,014.50
Paraprofessionals		7.80	\$1,857.50
Total Fees Incurred		511.20	\$313,304.00
Blended Attorney Rate	\$612.88		

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SECOND APPLICATION OF SNR DENTON US LLP, AS ATTORNEYS FOR THE DEBTORS, FOR INTERIM ALLOWANCE OF COMPENSATION FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RENDERED AND REIMBURSEMENT OF ACTUAL AND NECESSARY EXPENSES INCURRED FROM OCTOBER 1, 2010 THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2011

TO THE HONORABLE JAMES M. PECK, UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE:

SNR Denton US LLP ("SNR Denton"), attorneys for Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. ("LBHI") and its affiliated debtors in the above-referenced chapter 11 cases, as debtors in possession (together with LBHI, the "Debtors" and, collectively with their non-debtor affiliates, "Lehman"), for its second application, pursuant to sections 330(a) and 331 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code") and Rule 2016 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules"), for the interim allowance of compensation for professional services performed by SNR Denton for the period commencing October 1, 2010, through and including January 31, 2011 (the "Second Compensation Period"), and for reimbursement of its

actual and necessary expenses incurred during the Second Compensation Period, respectfully represents:

JURISDICTION

This Court has jurisdiction to consider the Application pursuant to 28 U.S.C. sections 157 and 1334. Consideration of the Application is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. section 157(b)(2). Venue of this case is proper in this district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. sections 1408 and 1409. The statutory predicates for the relief requested herein are sections 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code.

BACKGROUND

- 1. Commencing on September 15, 2008 and periodically thereafter (as applicable, the "Commencement Date"), the Debtors commenced with this Court voluntary cases under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. The Debtors' chapter 11 cases have been consolidated for procedural purposes only and are being jointly administered pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 1015(b). The Debtors are authorized to operate their businesses and manage their properties as debtors in possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 2. On September 17, 2008, the U.S. Trustee appointed the Creditors' Committee pursuant to section 1102 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 3. On September 19, 2008, a proceeding was commenced under the Securities Investor Protection Act of 1970, as amended ("SIPA") with respect to Lehman Brothers Inc. ("LBI"). James W. Giddens, Esq. is the trustee appointed to administer LBI's estate under the SIPA.
- 4. On January 19, 2009, the U.S. Trustee appointed Anton R. Valukas as examiner (the "Examiner") and by order, dated January 20, 2009, the Court approved the U.S. Trustee's appointment of the Examiner. On March 11, 2010, the Examiner issued his report pursuant to

section 1106(b) of the Bankruptcy Code. On July 13, 2010, the Court entered an order discharging the Examiner and his professionals.

- 5. On May 26, 2009, the Court entered an order appointing a fee committee (the "Fee Committee") and approving a fee protocol (the "Fee Protocol") to make recommendations with respect to fees and expenses of retained professionals in these cases.
- 6. Additional information regarding the Debtors' businesses, capital structures, and the circumstances leading to the commencement of these chapter 11 cases is contained in the Affidavit of Ian T. Lowitt Pursuant to Rule 1007-2 of the Local Bankruptcy Rules for the Southern District of New York in Support of First-Day Motions and Applications, filed on September 15, 2008 [Docket No. 2].
- 7. On August 4, 2010, the Debtors filed an Application Pursuant to Section 327(e) of the Bankruptcy Code and Rule 2014(a) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure for Authorization to Employ and Retain Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal LLP, as Special Counsel to the Debtors, *Nunc Pro Tunc* to January 1, 2010 (Docket No. 10632, the "Retention Application"). By way of the Retention Application, the Debtors requested authorization from the Court, to employ SNR Denton as special counsel to the Debtors, for which SNR Denton may perform legal services from time to time, effective *nunc pro tunc* to January 1, 2010. On August 19, 2010, the Court granted the Debtors' Application to employ SNR Denton as special counsel [Docket No. 10949]. Specifically, SNR Denton was engaged in the representation of the Debtors with respect to various real estate matters, including in part, loan workouts and modifications, loan sales, real estate equity investments, real estate financings, enforcement of remedies under loan documentation, and negotiation of, and advice concerning, management agreements for REO properties (the "Representative Matters").

8. SNR Denton filed its application for interim allowance of compensation for professional services rendered and reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses incurred from February 1, 2010 through September 30, 2010 on December 14, 2010.

SUMMARY OF PROFESSIONAL COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES REQUESTED

- 9. This Application is SNR Denton's second interim fee application for compensation and reimbursement of expenses as a section 327(e) professional in these chapter 11 cases. To date, SNR Denton received payments totaling \$252,030.07 for the Second Compensation Period, consisting of \$250,264.80, representing fees, and \$1,387.27, representing 100% of the expenses, invoiced for October, November and December 2010 and January 2011.
- 10. SNR Denton seeks allowance of interim compensation for professional services performed during the Second Compensation Period in the amount of \$313,304.00 and for reimbursement of expenses incurred in connection with the performance of such services in the amount of \$1,387.27. During the Second Compensation Period, SNR Denton attorneys and paraprofessionals expended a total of 511.20 hours in connection with the necessary services performed. Of the aggregate time expended, 368.50 recorded hours were expended by partners and counsel of SNR Denton, 134.90 recorded hours were expended by associates, and 7.80 recorded hours were expended by paraprofessionals of SNR Denton.
- 11. To the extent that time or disbursement charges for services performed or disbursements incurred relate to the Second Compensation Period, but are processed subsequent to the preparation of this application, SNR Denton reserves the right to request additional compensation for such services and reimbursement of such expenses in a future application.
- 12. This application has been prepared in accordance with the Guidelines for Fees and Disbursements for Professionals in Southern District of New York Bankruptcy Cases adopted by the Court on June 20, 1991 and the Amended Guidelines for Fees and Disbursements for

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Professionals in Southern District of New York Bankruptcy Cases adopted by the Court on April 19, 1995 (together the "Local Guidelines"), the United States Trustee Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Filed Under 11 U.S.C. § 330 adopted on January 30, 1996 (the "UST Guidelines"), and the Fourth Amended Order Pursuant to Sections 105(a) and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 2016(a) Establishing Procedures for Interim Monthly Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Professionals [Docket No. 15997] (the "Interim Compensation Order," and together with the Local Guidelines and the UST Guidelines, the "Guidelines"). Pursuant to the Fee Protocol, the Debtors will provide a copy of this application to the Fee Committee.

- 13. The fees charged by SNR Denton in these cases are billed in accordance with SNR Denton's existing billing rates and procedures in effect during the Second Compensation Period. The rates SNR Denton charges for the services rendered by its professionals and paraprofessionals in these chapter 11 cases are the same rates SNR Denton charges for professional and paraprofessional services rendered in comparable bankruptcy and non-bankruptcy related matters. Such fees are reasonable based on the customary compensation charged by comparably skilled practitioners in comparable bankruptcy and non-bankruptcy cases in a competitive national legal market.
- 14. In the regular course of its business SNR Denton adjusts its billing rates from time to time. One such adjustment occurred on January 1, 2011. Subsequent to January 1, 2011, the customary hourly rates in SNR Denton's domestic offices are \$590 to \$925 for partners and counsel, \$310 to \$550 for associates and \$235 to \$285 for paraprofessionals. The rates described herein are SNR Denton's standard hourly rates for services of the type provided to the Debtors during the Second Compensation Period.

- 15. Accordingly, during the Second Compensation Period, SNR Denton billed the Debtors for time expended by attorneys based on hourly rates ranging from \$560.00 to \$925.00 for partners and counsel, \$300.00 to \$550.00 for associates and \$230.00 to \$285.00 for paraprofessionals. Allowance of compensation in the amount requested would result in a blended hourly billing rate of approximately \$612.88 (based on 511.20 recorded hours for attorneys at SNR Denton's regular billing rates in effect at the time of the performance of services).
- 16. There is no agreement or understanding between SNR Denton and any other person, other than members of the firm, for the sharing of compensation to be received for services rendered in these cases. Except as explained immediately below, during the Second Compensation Period, other than pursuant to the Administrative Order, SNR Denton received no payment and no promises of payment from any source for services rendered or to be rendered in any capacity whatsoever in connection with the matters covered by this Application.
- 17. Annexed hereto as <u>Exhibit A</u> is a certification regarding compliance with the Guidelines.
- 18. Pursuant to the UST Guidelines, the Summary Sheet filed in connection with this Application includes a schedule of SNR Denton professionals and paraprofessionals who have performed services for the Debtors during the Second Compensation Period, the capacities in which each such individual is employed by SNR Denton, the hourly billing rates charged by SNR Denton for services performed by such individuals, the year in which each professional was first licensed to practice law and the aggregate number of hours expended in this matter and fees billed therefor.
- 19. Annexed hereto as <u>Exhibit B</u> is a schedule specifying the categories of expenses for which SNR Denton is seeking reimbursement and the total amount for each such expense

- category. An itemized schedule of all such expenses will be provided to the Debtors, the Court, the attorneys for the Creditors' Committee, the U.S. Trustee, and the Fee Committee.
- 20. Annexed hereto as Exhibit C, pursuant to the UST Guidelines, is a summary of SNR Denton's time records billed during the Second Compensation Period using project categories hereinafter described. SNR Denton maintains computerized records of the time spent by all SNR Denton attorneys and paraprofessionals in connection with the prosecution of the Debtors' chapter 11 cases. Copies of these computerized records will be furnished to the Debtors and, subject to redaction or modification for the attorney-client privilege where necessary to protect the Debtors' estates, the Court, the attorneys for the Creditors' Committee, the U.S. Trustee, and the Fee Committee in the format specified by the UST Guidelines.
- 21. Annexed hereto as <u>Exhibit D</u> are SNR Denton's monthly invoices for the Second Compensation Period.

SUMMARY OF SERVICES PERFORMED BY SNR DENTON DURING THE SECOND COMPENSATION PERIOD

- 22. Descriptions of some of the more significant tasks performed by SNR Denton during the Second Compensation Period are set forth below.
- 23. Real Estate- (Matters 21416248-0795, -0807, -0810, -0813, -0814, -0817, -0831, -0832, -0838, -0851 and -0855, and 09807760-0008, -0011, -0012, -0013, -0016, and -0021.
 - a. As of the Commencement Date, the Debtors and their affiliates had tens of billions of dollars invested in both the debt and equity of various hotel, commercial and residential real estate projects. During the Second Compensation Period, SNR Denton continued to dedicate a significant amount of time to review the extensive documentation related to these projects and to implement the best available course of action for the Debtors' real estate assets. At any one time during the Second Compensation Period, SNR Denton's real estate team was

- engaged in analyzing aspects of several real estate and loan sale/modification transactions. SNR Denton's multidisciplinary team of professionals and extensive experience enabled the Debtors to expeditiously take the necessary actions to preserve the value of Debtors' real estate portfolio.
- b. For example, we are in the process of taking back the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Maui, Hawaii, have put in place management agreements on many hotel properties and are dealing with borrower parties on real estate assets in Alaska and Montana.
- 24. Additional professional services rendered by SNR Denton during the Second Compensation Period are described below:
 - a. Fee/Retention-Related Issues- Matter 09807760-0030
 - (i) Firm's Own Billing/Fee Applications
 - Prepared monthly fee statements and budgets in compliance with the Guidelines;
 - addressed various issues raised by the Fee Committee regarding SNR Denton's monthly fee statements for compensation, treatment of outstanding invoices and reimbursement; and
 - prepared and filed SNR Denton's first interim fee application for compensation and reimbursement.
- 25. The professional services performed by SNR Denton were actual, necessary and appropriate to the administration of the Debtors' chapter 11 cases and were in the best interests of the Debtors and their stakeholders. Compensation for such services as requested is commensurate with the complexity, importance, and nature of the issues and tasks involved. The professional services were performed expeditiously and efficiently.

ACTUAL AND NECESSARY DISBURSEMENTS OF SNR DENTON

26. As set forth in Exhibit B hereto, SNR Denton has disbursed \$1,387.27 as expenses incurred in providing professional services during the Second Compensation Period. These expenses are reasonable and necessary.

- 27. While SNR Denton has not charged the Debtors for any overtime expenses, consistent with firm policy, attorneys and other employees of SNR Denton who worked late into the evenings or on weekends were reimbursed for their reasonable meal costs and their cost for transportation from the office to home. SNR Denton's regular practice is not to include components for those charges in overhead when establishing billing rates and to charge its clients for these and all other out-of-pocket disbursements incurred during the regular course of the rendition of services. The reimbursement amounts do not exceed those set forth in the U.S. Trustee Guidelines.
- 28. With respect to photocopying expenses, SNR Denton's domestic offices charge all of SNR Denton's clients \$.10 per page for black-and-white copies. These charges are intended to cover SNR Denton's direct operating costs, which costs are not incorporated into the SNR Denton hourly billing rates. Only clients who actually use services of the types set forth in Exhibit B are separately charged for such services.
- 29. In addition, on occasion, overnight delivery of documents and other materials was required. These disbursements are not included in SNR Denton's overhead for the purpose of setting billing rates. The actual expenses incurred in providing professional services were necessary, reasonable, and justified under the circumstances to serve the needs of the Debtors, their estates, and creditors.

THE REQUESTED COMPENSATION SHOULD BE ALLOWED

30. Section 331 of the Bankruptcy Code provides for interim compensation of professionals and incorporates the substantive standards of section 330 to govern the Court's award of such compensation. 11 U.S.C. § 331. Section 330 provides that a court may award a professional employed under section 327 of the Bankruptcy Code "reasonable compensation for actual necessary services rendered . . . and reimbursement for actual, necessary expenses." Id.

§ 330(a)(1). Section 330 also sets forth the criteria for the award of such compensation and reimbursement:

In determining the amount of reasonable compensation to be awarded, the court should consider the nature, the extent, and the value of such services, taking into account all relevant factors, including –

- (A) the time spent on such services;
- (B) the rates charged for such services;
- (C) whether the services were necessary to the administration of, or beneficial at the time at which the service was rendered toward the completion of, a case under [the Bankruptcy Code];
- (D) whether the services were performed within a reasonable amount of time commensurate with the complexity, importance, and nature of the problem, issue, or task addressed; and
- (E) whether the compensation is reasonable based on the customary compensation charged by comparably skilled practitioners in cases other than cases under [the Bankruptcy Code].

<u>Id</u>. § 330(a)(3).

31. In the instant case, SNR Denton respectfully submits that the services for which it seeks compensation and the expenditures for which it seeks reimbursement in this application were necessary for and beneficial to the Debtors. The professional services were performed expediently and efficiently. The compensation requested herein is reasonable in light of the nature, extent, and value of such services to the Debtors, their estates, and all parties in interest. Compensation for the foregoing services as requested is commensurate with the complexity, importance and nature of the problems, issues and tasks involved. Approval of the compensation for professional services and reimbursement of expenses sought herein is warranted.

CONCLUSION

32. SNR Denton respectfully requests the Court (i) allow interim compensation for professional services rendered during the Second Compensation Period in the amount of

\$314,691.27, consisting of \$313,304.00, representing 100% of fees incurred during the Second Compensation Period, and reimbursement of \$1,387.27, representing 100% of actual and necessary expenses incurred during the Second Compensation Period, without prejudice to SNR Denton's right to seek additional compensation for services performed and expenses incurred during the Second Compensation Period, which were not processed at the time of this application, and (ii) direct payment by the Debtors of the difference between the amounts allowed and the amounts previously paid by the Debtors pursuant to the Administrative Order.

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